



About the Author

James O'Heare began working professionally with people to help resolve problem behaviors exhibited by their companion animals in the mid to late 1990s while working as a Human Society adoptions counselor and veterinary assistant in Ottawa, Canada. After studying psychology and comparative psychology, he became discouraged by the ineffectual and pseudoscientific approach it took and found and began studying behavior analysis and behaviorology, eventually pursuing an education and career in behaviorology because of its strong emphasis on natural science and its independence from psychology.

He began studying behaviorology, informally at first and then formally, through The International Behaviorology Institute (TIBI), earning his Masters Level Behaviorology Certificate and finally his Doctoral Level Behaviorology Certificate in 2014 under his mentor Stephen Ledoux, which he describes as “one of the major privileges of my life.”

James co-founded the premier professional association overseeing the animal behavior consulting certifying body and professional association within the discipline, the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC) and later founded the first behaviorologically oriented professional association in the discipline, the Association of Animal Behavior Professionals (AABP).

James teaches behaviorology through the Companion Animal Sciences Institute (CASI), has published in peer-reviewed journals, has spoken at behavior symposiums and conventions internationally, and has written over 20 books for professional and general public audiences on behaviorology applied to companion animal behavior. James has served on the TIBI Board and as editor of the *Journal of Behaviorology* and the *Journal of Animal Behavior Technology*.

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